

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.	
<b>SOUTHERN NEWS.</b>	
<b>A REMARKABLE OLD LADY.</b>	
<b>"A Mother of Men."</b>	
There has lately died at Benares an old lady who was in many respects one of the most remarkable personages in Northern India. This was Anna, widow of Gen. James Kennedy, of the Bengal Cavalry. She was in her 70th year, having been born in 1787, and lived to see no fewer than 176 lineal descendants, of whom 125 survive her. She had eighteen children, eighty grandchildren, seventy-three great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. Her father, husband, two sons, one son-in-law and four grandsons were all general in the army, and her descendants include many military officers of lower rank. As a notice of her which has appeared in a leading Indian paper puts it, "she has set at defiance all well-established MEDICAL THEORIES.	
The Landry Democrat says that Anna is selling out the sugar houses in that parish at three and half to five cents, according to quality. With a short crop and such prices it does more than it is worth to produce it.	
On Christmas day, at or about 2 o'clock, a negro named Dennis Boyd shot and killed Mr. David Haas, a native German merchant residing at Gold Point, Bogard Parish. The St. John's North Western Journal of the 17th says: "The negro, who was up early this morning, was heard among our cotton planters. Some of the leases will pay out, with a little to spare, and others will not be fortunate, and the merchants who have furnished the supplies will be the losers."	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS.</b>	
The New Era is to succeed the Argus at Ripley, with Thomsen & Harris, editor and proprietors.	
The Ideal Sugar Company will present the "Princess of Trabzon" on Wednesday night, and the "Merry War" Thursday night, of this week, in Meridian.	
The Scranton Bank, at Scranton, is reported to have failed.	
At Crystal Springs, on Christmas day, in a fire at Jordan's, a stable, killed Mrs. Flower.	
On Sunday morning, a fire broke out in Brookhaven, which destroyed the grocery of T. C. Clapp, the furniture house of Max Pruthac, and general merchandise establishment of Krause & Levy. Loss heavy.	
One Bayou has overflowed its banks, and swept away the Vicksburg Soap Works.	
<b>ALABAMA.</b>	
Mobile has invited Hon. Samuel K. Randal to visit that city.	
A New Orleans house, Bilings, Manning & Co., have leased for a long term a large tract of coal land in Walker county, Ala., located on the Georgia Pacific Railroad. The coal is of unmarketable quality.	
In the State of Alabama, the Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad for \$100,000. The road was built by the old and went into bankruptcy in 1875. The suit is for damages occasioned by the alleged mismanagement of the directors. It is stated that Georgia will begin a similar suit against that portion of the road located in that State.	
The first candle made in the State of Alabama, in the Diocese of Mobile, has been signed, and the Bishop will return to his former charge in Texas.	
Caldwell Bros., merchants of Scottsboro, were burned out on Saturday.	
J. T. Clancy, jeweler, has been closed on attachment, and S. J. Shields, saddlery and harness dealers, has made an assignment, both of Selma.	
<b>POISONOUS CANDIES.</b>	
Why Children should be Protected From Eating Certain Sweetmeads. Philadelphia Record.	
Parents who have any love for their children should be careful not to allow them to eat some of the tempting candies that are now placed in the sale for the holiday trade," said an old candy maker yesterday. "It is well known how much poisonous stuff was used in the coloring of candies this year, which would be less sweetmeads sold," he continued. "The cheap candies contain the most poison, particularly the so-called specialties, such as toys. Only the pure sugar toys are harmless. Smooth almonds contain carmine and chrome yellow, about one-hundredth part of a grain in each almond. Only BURNET ALMONDS ARE PURE.	
"Cheap gum drops, such as are sold for 12 cents per pound, contain oil of vitriol and gum arabic. The former is employed to kill the sugar grain, and the latter to make the drops tough and spongey. Light pink caramels are mixed with carmine, and all artificial flavors are produced by the use of acids. Black cough drops are highly injurious, as one-quarter of a pound of lampblack is mixed with a forty-five batch of drops. Cheap mixtures should also be avoided, as well as colored lozenges. Besides the poison, heaps of dirt become mixed in the preparation of candies. Green lime-drops should be shunned, as well as all kinds of candies containing a green color, as they contain acids. All candies now are made with sugar coating 5 cents per pound, and yet a profit of about 50 per cent to the manufacturer."	
<b>HIS OWN CHURCH.</b>	
<b>A Clerical Fugitive.</b>	
Bethany Church, written a Baltimore correspondent of the Atlantic Consignment, was built and dedicated by Mr. Charles J. Baker, a wealthy banker of the city, who on account of "the border" was driven in 1840 with his wife from the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is said that it is difficult for Mr. Baker to get a pastor to his liking. As he supports the church mainly by his services to the pastor's policy, and no man of high character or talents will consent to such an arrangement. The present incumbency—it is an abuse of the term to call him pastor—is an ecclesiastical foray on mountebank. On Friday evening he was dressed in light-colored, almost white, pantaloons and brown coat a la dandy, with cravat and collar to match. His moustache and imperials are in the tip of the style, and his voice sounds like it had been done up.	
<b>IN CUELLING PAPERS.</b>	
At the close of the exercises he ran up into the pulpit, and, posing in a most theatrical style, he said: "It is my opinion good fortune to have the best two preachers in attendance upon the continental conference to preach for me on Sunday next. Not that I deserve more, but God (and he rolled his eyes upward and pronounced it) God) has sent me to you." He then launched out into a falsetto and disgusting language of the preachers who had been appointed to preach there on Sunday.	
As we came out of the church a lady expressed surprise that such a man should draw the crowd as she understood he drew. A gentleman with her said: "It isn't at all wonderful. People go to see and hear him for the reason they will stop to see a monkey dodge balls thrown at him or cut dancing ankles." It is sad to see the holy office of the ministry disgraced by such a puppet.	
White and Colored Passengers On Rail-roads. Philadelphia Record.	
Some of the statesmen in Congress who were very zealous in the legislation to exclude the Chinese from the country, manifested great alacrity the other day in loading down the Beagan bill with amendments for the compulsory association of white and black men on railroad cars. They are not satisfied with the arrangement of rail-road companies in giving whites and blacks equal accommodations in separate cars, although the Supreme Court of the United States has decided in a Texas case that the Constitution does not permit Congress to interfere in this respect. The Civil rights law was decided unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in the case of Wilkes Booth v. Texas, because it was a frequent companion with those who first started to his sermon that he was a born "Rich and ill." No one meeting him on the street would ever suspect him to be a minister of the Gospel, his boisterous manner and loud voice, and habitual use of tobacco, with a constant rumor of intemperance, being anything but ministerial. It is thought strange that, although Dr. Armstrong steadfastly maintains he is not Booth, he uniformly refuses to allow an examination of his health where Booth had a scar.	
Bely Lockwood not only was defeated in her race for the Presidency, but she had her tricycle smashed into junk by an illegal cab-driver. Truly "the age of chivalry is past."	
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